

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 10-13, 15-21 and 23-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 2-8 and 10-13 are allowed.

Claim 15-21 and 23-26 are rejected.

Claims 15-21 and 23-26 have been canceled.

All amendments and remarks are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right subsequently to take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part and/or divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments submitted herein be entered, and further requests reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 15-21 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones (U.S. Patent No. 5,412,730).

Claims 15-21 and 23-26 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to represent the canceled claim in another continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-8 and 10-13 have been allowed.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested. It is further submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Applicants believe there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem any fees as being due, including any fees for any extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any fees due from Baker Botts L.L.P. **Deposit Account Number 02-0383, Order Number 068354.0237.**

Respectfully submitted,

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